

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**Emergency Room Triage Reimbursement Fee**

**TAKE NOTICE** the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan in order to implement P.L. 2018, Chapter 51 which establishes a Medicaid emergency room triage reimbursement fee of \$140 for low acuity emergency room encounters of members enrolled in the State Medicaid fee-for-service program. Acuity is defined as the measurement of the intensity of nursing care required by a patient. The Commissioner of Human Services will publish a list of diagnostic codes considered low acuity emergency room encounters. However, a combination of revenue, procedure and diagnosis codes will ultimately determine the level of acuity for the purpose of applying this fee. Subject to CMS approval, certain stages of development will be considered as an exception to the fee.

The estimated total fee-for-service savings for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2019 and 2020 are projected to be \$1,000,000. This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal statutes and regulations, specifically 42 CFR §447.205.

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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